GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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GREEN BELT FOR ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched a new programme namely "Green Belt for Abatement of Pollution and Environment Improvement" in selected cities/towns with a view to reducing the adverse effects of air, water and noise pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the guidelines/parameters for selection of various cities/towns under the programme;

(d) the number of cities/towns selected under the said programme, State-wise; and

(e) the total amount earmarked and spent so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 186 FOR 19.07.2004 REGARDING GREEN BELT FOR ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT BY SHRI S.D. MANDLIK & SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH.

(a) to (e): The Government have undertaken a pilot project on Green Belt for Abatement of Pollution and Environmental Improvement to reduce the adverse effects of air, water and noise pollution in five cities, namely; Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tirunelveli and in 102 municipalities of Tamil Nadu. The project involved raising and planting 2,94,000 saplings in the five cities at a total cost of Rs. 4.557 crores of which Rs. 4.00 crores was funded by Government of India and Rs. 0.557 crores by Government of Tamil Nadu. The raising and planting of saplings in the 102 Municipalities involved a cost of Rs.1.02 crores of which Rs.0.765 crores was provided by Government of India and Rs.0.255 crores by Government of Tamil Nadu. No programme has been launched for implementation of similar projects in other cities and towns of other States.